Chhattisgarh	12.51
Jharkhand	25.84
Karnataka	67.98
Madhya Pradesh	57.10
Punjab	55.93
Rajasthan	188.71
Tamil Nadu	93.57
Uttar Pradesh	66.68

Punjab Government had submitted a combined Memorandum seeking assistance for flood and drought, without giving specific damage caused by the two calamities separately. The State Government has been advised to submit separate Memoranda for the two calamities.

Enhancing production of horticulture

1600. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enhance the production of horticulture products to 300 million tones by 2011-12;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to bring in 40 lakh hectares under horticulture;

(c) whether Government are considering to convene a meeting of State Agricultural Ministers a discuss switching over to horticulture in area where traditional crops were grown; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SH.RIKANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government is considering to enhance the horticulture production in the country by addressing the issues on research, plantation development, post harvest management, processing and marketing. Coverage of new areas under horticulture with improved varieties has also been envisaged under the Mission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has formulated proposal for launching a National Horticulture Mission during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Meeting with the State Agriculture Ministers has been scheduled for 21st December, 2004 at New Delhi.

Assistance to M.P. for production of Oilseeds and Pulses

†1601. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal for grant of Rs. 145.74 crores for increasing production of oilseeds and pulses in Bhundelkhand region with the help of GICA;

(b) whether the Central Government are considering the said proposal; and

(c) if so, by when the expected budget and sanction will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent the project concept document on "Maximizing Oilseed and Pulse Production in Bundelkhand Region in the State of Madhya Pradesh". The project was examined. The State Government has been requested to submit a revised project proposal in the format prescribed for Japanese assistance and duly addressing the comments of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. The revised proposal from the State Government has not yet been received.

Setting up of Coconut Research Institute in Karnataka

1602. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka is a major producer of coconuts in the country;

(b) whether any proposal from the State is pending with the Centre for setting up a Coconut Research Institute there; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.